

 **Salem Church of the Brethren**

 ***Simply Peacefully Together***

**July 11, 2024**

**Quarterly Report**

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at Salem,

The second quarterly board meeting was held at the church on July 11, 2024. Following is a summary of the business & reports of that meeting:

* **In Attendance:** Bethany Rosenberger, Ruth Ann Murphy, Chris Rice, Richard Hileman, Tom Bryner, Becky White, Scott White, Kaitlyn Poth, Cathy Hager, Sharon Sisler, Donnie Savage, Barb Bryner, Pat Rice, Butch Wade, & Paul Hager.
* **Call to Order:** Board President, Scott White, called the meeting to order & opened with prayer.
* **Reading of the Minutes:** Becky White, board clerk, read the minutes of the previous meeting. The minutes were approved as read.
* **Treasurer’s Report:** Ruth Ann Murphy, board treasurer, presented the quarterly financial report. \*Copies of the quarterly financial report are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary for review.
* **Pastor’s Report:** Donnie reported that Brad Friend has agreed to help out with services as needed during Pastor Donnie’s chemo treatments.
* **Commission Reports:** Commission reports were presented by each commission chairperson as follows:

**\*Nurture Commission (Cathy Hager,** Sharon Sisler, Kaitlyn Poth)

*The following activities & projects were completed at Salem in the last quarter: Reported by Kaitly Poth.*

-The commission will continue to work with Donnie during his chemo treatments as possible subs are needed.

-Celebrated Mother’s & Father’s Days with cake & breakfast & made a donation to WVU Childrens in honor of Salem mothers & fathers.

-The commission is continuing to look at church needs. A summer picnic is being discussed.

**\*Steward Commission (Richard Hileman**, Chris Rice, Tom Bryner)

***Projects for 2024***

-Some landscaping has been completed, but there are still some areas we are looking at.

-Ceiling tiles need to be replaced in the social hall again.

-Lime & fertilize parts of the lawn & around a few trees.

-Gutter covers need to be replaced.

-Put a metal roof on the shed – Pastor Don is looking into this.

***Projects Completed:***

-The church has been pressure-washed.

-The sidewalks have been pressure-washed.

-Four bees’ nests have been removed from the church.

**\*Witness Commission (Pat Rice,** Barb Bryner, Bethany Rosenberger)

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***Last Quarter Projects / Activities:***

-Food pantry: April (??? Families Served) / May (135 Families Served) / June (146 Families Served). We continue to supply 2 items X 150 per month. Approximate cost: $352.00.

-Three CD’s are being sent weekly. We thank Chris for running the CD’s each week & mailing them.

-Love Gifts: $500.00 love gift was sent to Camp Hope (to help complete the deed work for the camp.)

-Prayer Bears: 8 prayer bears were requested this quarter.

-South Fayette Visits: Visits were held on May 13 (Lesson: What Comes Out When We are Squeezed?) / June 17 (The Parable of the Good Samaritan – Jesus Teaches Kindness) & on July 15 (Christmas in July – Caroling). Snacks & fellowship with the residents are enjoyed on each visit. Thanks so much to all of you who support this ministry by attending.

-Prayer Meetings were not held this last quarter – suggestions?

-The Quarterly Report (newsletter) was posted on the website following the April board meeting.

***Items for Discussion:***

-Teresa Quinn (All for Him Sing Committee) has requested that Salem provide watermelon slices for the sing again this year on August 24. We have also sent a $250.00 love gift t support the activity.

* **Old Business:**

-One new headset has been purchased.

* **New Business:**

**-** It was decided that $100.00 per message will be offered to speakers who fill in for Pastor Donnie, as needed.

-Camp Galilee wants to do some major electrical upgrades which they estimate at $25, 000.00. They have a large part of that amount already but they still need additional funds. They have asked for prayer in this matter. We will honor the prayer request at present & try to do some research & get more information about this project.

-A summer church picnic was discussed.

\*A prayer request for Katy Wolfe (who was recently in an accident & received multiple serious injuries) was presented by Bethany before closing.

* **Adjournment:** President, Scott White , adjourned the meeting & Pastor Donnie closed with prayer.